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MEMORANDUM FOR NELLIS AFB AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

FROM: 99 ABW/CC

SUBJECT: Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Policy Statement

At Nellis AFB and its outlying installations, sustainability is the highest priority and is accomplished by protecting the environment, the people and the mission. Our installation is committed to achieving excellence in environment, safety and health sustainability. We are dedicated to continual improvement of our processes and methodologies that reduce waste, promote pollution prevention and enhance safety. To achieve sustainability and compatibility, we will meet or exceed all applicable environmental laws and regulations. In all of our activities we will strive to:

- Achieve sustainability by maintaining an effective environmental safety and occupational health management system. Promote the use of safe technologies and operating practices and remain ready to respond to emergencies in order to improve our environmental performance and minimize adverse impacts to installation workers, their families and the environment. An environment maintained in a healthy and diverse condition is necessary to support life.
- Utilize measures to prevent pollution and evaluate new and innovative technologies and practices to minimize the generation of wastes, recycle materials otherwise destined to become waste when possible and dispose of any remaining wastes in an environmentally responsible manner. We will commit to responsible use of resources and promote the use of safe technologies and operating practices. We will be diligent in identifying and eliminating hazards to preserve the health and safety of our work force and the community.
- Ensure the responsible use of energy, including the adoption of innovative practices and procedures that will conserve energy and improve efficiency.
- Continue to accept responsibility and accountability under the law for activities and decisions under our control that impact human health, safety and welfare and the continued viability of natural systems. To achieve compatibility between the mission and environment, we will complete regular operation-specific environmental performance reviews and assessments and will develop plans to address actual or potential noncompliance issues. We will set environmental goals, measure progress, take corrective action when necessary and communicate results. We will meet or exceed all applicable environmental laws and regulations.
- Recognize the interdependence of life and the physical environment. We will proactively consider the environmental consequences of all programs and act accordingly in all appropriate circumstances. Careful planning of future activities to minimize environmental impacts and safety and health risks, combined with the responsible management of our natural and cultural resources, is integral in our mission sustainability and our contribution to national security.
- Respect the views of individuals and groups interested in our activities and openly share information on environmental, safety and occupational health performance with the public.

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